



Summer READING RACE

June 1 - August 31

Suggested Reading List

Ages 13-16

Dragons in Our Midst Chronicles *Bryan Davis*

This fantasy series gives readers all the adventure and excitement they love while opening their eyes to great themes such as faith, courage, wisdom, and redemption. Compared to *The Chronicles of Narnia*, this series will inspire readers to dig deep within to find their God-given strengths and use them to overcome any obstacle. (*Raising Dragons* is the first in this four-book series.)

Carter House Girls Series *Melody Carlson*

Mix six teenage girls and one '60s fashion icon (retired, of course) in an old Victorian-era boarding home. Add boys and dating, a little high-school angst, throw in a Kate Spade bag or two. And you've got the Carter House Girls! (*Mixed Bags* is first in the series.)

Echoes From the Edge *Bryan Davis*

This fast-paced adventure fantasy trilogy starts with murder and leads teenagers, Nathan and Kelly, out of their once-familiar world as they struggle to find answers to the tragedy. Each enigma, the two face, takes the teens further into an alternate universe where nothing is as it seems. (*Beyond the Reflection's Edge* is the first in the trilogy.)

Holly's Heart *Beverly Lewis*

Holly is just about to turn 13, and she has a lot going on in her life. She's learning to adjust to living in a one-parent home, dealing with an absent father and moving into a blended family — all while figuring out how to depend on her faith to help her through all the challenges of life as a teen. (The three volumes in this series can be read in any order.)

The Door Within Series *Wayne Thomas Batson*

No longer confined to the realm of his own imagination, Aidan Thomas embarks on an adventure where he meets knights, warriors, kings, and more. In this series, readers will join Aidan and the others in the struggle between good and evil.

True Colors Series *Melody Carlson*

During the colorful teen years, moral issues are rarely black-and-white. Edgy and inspiring, these novels tackle tough topics such as alcohol abuse, betrayal, jealousy, and sexuality. Offering authentic portrayals of real-world struggles, they challenge girls to stay true to their faith and what they believe.

Hollywood Nobody Series *Lisa Samson*

Fifteen-year-old Scotty Dawn has spent her young life on the road, traveling to movie sets with her single mom, Charley, and documenting the journey on her "Hollywood Nobody" blog. Even though Scotty is wise beyond her years, she still struggles to find her identity. But as she begins to find dark answers to tough questions, will her story have a happy ending? (The first in the series is *Hollywood Nobody*.)

The Kingdom Series *Chuck Black*

Sixteen-year-old Leinad thought he was a common farmer's son, but one tragic event initiates a world of revelation. Leinad is thrust into adversity and danger — for the Dark Knight and his vicious Shadow Warriors will stop at nothing to thwart the King's plan to restore the kingdom. (These books are biblical allegories that are set in a medieval time. This six-book series begins with *Kingdom's Dawn*.)

The Veritas Project *Frank Peretti*

This fast-paced mystery suspense series features Elijah and Elisha Springfield — teenage twins who, along with their parents, have been secretly commissioned by the President to investigate strange mysteries, crimes, and unusual occurrences. Their job is to find out not only what happened but why. (*Hangman's Curse* is the first in the series.)

The Wormling Series *Jerry B. Jenkins & Chris Fabrey*

Owen Reeder would describe himself as nothing special, especially since he's been told that all his life. Perhaps his only ability is to devour books. But one day, a stranger visits his father's bookstore, and suddenly, Owen's ordinary life spirals out of control and right into a world he didn't even know existed. From the minds of Jerry B. Jenkins and Chris Fabrey comes a thrilling, humorous, and action-packed fantasy series that pits ultimate evil against ultimate good. (*The Book of the King* is the first in this five-book series.) Great for fans of C. S. Lewis or J. R. R. Tolkien.

**See reverse side for ages
4-7, 7-10, and 8-12.**

Suggested Reading List

Ages 4-7

I Can Read! Series

The books in the *I Can Read!* series are great for beginning and developing readers. *My First I Can Read!* books have basic language, word repetition, and whimsical illustrations that are ideal for sharing with an emergent reader. *Level 1* books have short sentences, familiar words, and simple concepts for children. *Level 2* books have high-interest stories and language play for developing readers.

My First I Can Read!:

Adam and Eve in the Garden
Baby Moses and the Princess
Jesus Saves the World

Howie Finds a Hug
God Loves You, Barnabas

Level 1:

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Mommy, May I Hug the Fish?
Sister for Sale
If You're Happy and You Know It
Snug as a Bug?

Level 2:

Jake Helps Out
Thank You, God, for Rain
Otter and Owl Set Sail
Jake Learns to Share
Mrs. Rosey Posey and the Yummy Birthday Cake

Ages 7-10

Cul-de-sac Kids Series *Beverly Lewis*

This is an exciting book series for young readers that centers on the escapades of a group of endearing neighborhood friends. Nicknamed the "Cul-de-sac Kids," they learn important lessons about friendship, teamwork, and faith through their adventures and mysteries. With 24 in the series, there are plenty of stories to choose from.

That's Nat! Series *Dandi Daley Mackall*

Natalie has big 5-year-old dreams for her future — so big that her heart gets thumpy with excitement. This makes the *That's Nat!* series perfect for young readers just ready for chapter books. Follow Natalie as she tries out for the lead part in her Sunday School class' Christmas play, realizes she's one of a kind to God, and other adventures.

Ages 8-12

The Cooper Kids Adventure Series *Frank Peretti*

Follow archaeologist Jake Cooper and his teens, Jay and Lila, as they plunge through tangled jungles, search for missing stones, and battle ancient evil forces. These adventures will keep readers on the edge of their seats while teaching biblical values. (*Door in the Dragon's Throat* is the first of seven books.)

The Incredible Worlds of Wally McDoogie *Bill Myers*

This hilarious series features lovable but nerdy Wally McDoogie who blunders his way through life in these imaginative and fast-paced adventures. Wally is a whiz kid/future famous author, and he wreaks havoc wherever he goes! With 28 adventures to choose from, there are endless possibilities of where to start.

The Amazing Tales of Max and Liz Series *Jenny Cote*

The Ark, the Reed, and the Fire Cloud, the first in this fiction series, takes Max (a Scottish terrier) and Liz (a petite black cat from France) through biblical to modern times, causing amazing things to happen in human history. The second book in the series, *The Dreamer, the Schemer & the Robe*, will release in August.

Girls Only *Beverly Lewis*

Jenna, Livvy, Heather, and Manda strive for their best in their respective sports. Their ultimate goal — the Olympics. As each girl struggles with life's challenges and rejoices with each triumph, the encouragement of the other Girls Only club members and their faith in God give the girls the moral support they need.

Ages 8-12

Landon Snow Series *R.K. Mortenson*

Disillusioned with adults and filled with doubts about God, Landon Snow questions the meaning of life . . . until he falls through the pages of a book and finds adventure he never dreamed possible. Landon enters a fantasy realm where new friends are discovered and answers are unearthed. Adventurers will find themselves captivated by this world and will find it hard to leave. (*Landon Snow and the Auctor's Riddle* is the first title in this series.)

The Star-Fighters of Murphy Street *Robert West*

The Star-Fighters of Murphy Street are Beamer, Scilla, and Ghoulie. They have a spaceship-shaped tree house that's capable of taking them most anywhere in the universe. Hop in and blast off for fantastic outer-space adventures with this quirky, funny, fast-paced new trilogy. (Begin with *Episode 1: There's a Spaceship in My Tree*.)

Rachel Yoder: Always Trouble Somewhere Series

Wanda E. Brunstetter

Nine-year-old Rachel Yoder is a high-spirited Amish girl who finds plenty of trouble amid the rolling hills of Pennsylvania. When she's not getting locked in a root cellar, bringing frogs to church, or taking wild buggy rides, she's setting fireflies free and trying out new skateboards in all the wrong places. Kids will love this fun series by best-selling author Wanda E. Brunstetter. (*School's Out* is the first in the series.)

The Dapple Ganger Chronicles *G.P. Taylor*

Read the first in this series, *The First Escape*, where mischievous identical twins Sadie and Saskia Dapple live in the same orphanage as their only friend, Erik Ganger. When wealthy Muzz Elliott adopts Saskia, Muzz's own twin plots against her. (The second book in the series, *The Secret of Indigo Moon*, will be arriving in August.)

Faithgirlz! The Girls of 622 Harbor View Series

Melody Carlson

Harbor View is home to Morgan, Amy, Carlie, and Emily. They all live in the same trailer park in tiny Boscoe Bay. Proximity made them friends, but a desire to make the world a better place keeps them together! Join the girls as they set out to beautify Harbor View in their first adventure *Project: Girl Power*.

Left Behind: The Kids Series

Jerry B. Jenkins & Tim LaHaye

Based on the *Left Behind* series for adults, Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye present the rapture and tribulation through the eyes of four young friends — Judd, Vicki, Lionel, and Ryan. As the world falls in around them, they band together to find faith and fight the evil forces that threaten their lives. (*The Vanishings* is the first book in this exciting series.)

A Life of Faith: Elsie Dinsmore Series *Martha Finley*

Meet Elsie Dinsmore, an 8-year-old heiress who lives on a wealthy plantation in the mid-1800s. Her mother is dead, and she has never known her father. Living in her grandfather's home, she often feels rejected, unloved, and misunderstood. Elsie is sustained, though, by her deep Christian faith and her hope to one day be loved by her father. (*Elsie's Endless Wait* is the first book in the series.)

Winnie: The Horse Gentler *Dandi Daley Mackall*

Twelve-year-old Winnie Willis has a way with horses. She can gentle the wildest mare, but other parts of life don't always come as easily. Along with her dad and sister Lizzy, Winnie is learning how to live without her mom. As Winnie teaches her horses about unconditional love and blind trust, God shows Winnie that He can be trusted as well. (*Wild Thing* is first in the series.)

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